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SUBJ: ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE: MOROCCAN PARICIPATION

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1. GOM DELEGATION ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE IS HEADED
BY FOREIGN MINISTER AHMED TAIBI BENHIMA AND WILL INCLUDE
TWO CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIALS: MOHAMED MEKKI NACIRI,
MINISTER OF HABOUS (RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS) ISLAMIC AFFAIRS AND
CULTURE, AND ABDULLAH GHARNIT, SECRETARY OF STATE IN PRIME
MINISTER'S OFFICE IN CHARGE OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COOPERATION
AND TRADITIONAL INDUSTRY. BENHIMA AND NACIRI ARE ACCOMPANIED
BY AIDES: MEHDI BENNANI, CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S
PRIVATE SECRETARIAT AND MOHAMED BEN BOUZID, CHEF DE
CABINET IN MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS. IN ADDITION,
FOLLOWING GOM AMBASSADORS ARE PRESENT: MOHAMED SAADANI
(PAKISTAN), MOHAMED TAIBI EL ALOUI (IRAN), ABDELLATIF LARAKI
(EGYPT), ABDERRAHMAN BADDOU (SAUDI ARABIA), MOHAMED TAZI
(JORDAY), AND DRISS BENNOUNA (SYRIA).

2. COMMENT: WHEN AND IF AVAILABLE, FOREIGN MINISTER BENHIMA, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHO IS A DYNAMIC AND VOLUBLE MAN, COULD PROVIDE INSIGHTS INTO

WORKINGS OF CONFERENCE. HE WILL, HOWEVER, BE IN STATE OF PERPETUAL MOTION. HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH. NACIRI, WHO IS PRESUMABLY ATTENDING BECAUSE OF GOOD RELIGIOUS CREDENTIALS, AND GHARNIT MAY BE EXPECTED TO BE LESS FORTHCOMING. BOTH SPEAK ARABIC AND FRENCH ONLY. BY FAR MOST ACCESSIBLE WOULD BE MEHDI BENNANI, WHO HAS GOOD ACCESS TO HIS MINISTER. DESPITE EDUCATION IN U.S., HE PREFERS TO SPEAK IN FRENCH. PARKER

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